

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 11, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on May 11, 2009. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, John G. Burger and Lawrence M. Vollmer. Also present were County Auditor Janet L. Sendelweck, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of the April 2009, meetings of the Commissioners were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of April 2009, were as follows: Recorder \$19,203.15; Health Department \$23,494.35; Auditor \$171.00; Clerk \$36,402.14. Claims against the County were examined and those found to be just, due and owing were allowed and those found to be not due and owing were disallowed, all as more fully set forth in the Claims and Allowance Docket of the County.

### **RE: CELLULAR CONNECTION – VERIZON**

Jennie Sellers, representing Cellular Connection, appeared with Lisha Ellison and Jennifer Ward, to discuss a proposed cell phone system for the County, which uses pooled minutes for the entire County system. The County currently has 22 phones on Verizon and 8 phones with other systems. Employees would have a 17% discount for their personal phones. The County receives a 19% discount. Literature was submitted.

### **RE: COUNTY ADDRESSING**

County Surveyor Brosmer discussed address numbering on private roadways. The current question regards Nicholson Valley addition north of the Nicholson Valley Church in Dubois. There are currently 15 residential units along the private road and the County has run out of numbers. Brosmer questioned whether to assign a road name and assign numbers off that road, or whether to add letters to the current numbers. It was decided that letters would be added off SR #56 so that the current residents would not have to change current numbers. The Surveyor will discuss with Janice Love of County Communications.

### **RE: SECURITY CENTER VEHICLE LEASE**

Sheriff Tanner appeared to submit quotes on the proposed new patrol vehicles. The vehicles will be under the State bid lease program. The quotes submitted are \$91,772.00 for Bloomington Ford and \$82,764.00 for Vincennes Ford, for four units. The price would be for 2010 vehicles, to be delivered in the fall of 2009. The Sheriff stated that Ruxer Ford will stand behind the bid of Vincennes Ford, which is going out of business. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the lease. The County Council has previously approved the lease appropriation.

The Commissioners also discussed with the Sheriff his proposed upgrade of the Security Center control system.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT**

J.P. Weisheit, Director of Community Corrections, appeared to request renewal of the Indiana Dept of Corrections operating grant, being \$359,612, and the State prisoner grant of \$24,143. The operating grant includes a 3% increase over 2008. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the grant agreement. Weisheit reported on current operations at the center.

### **RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted his report of the status of current Highway Department projects, including:

Stimulus Projects	Documentation has been submitted for Jasper-Dubois Road and CR 1100 S. Plans are being worked on for Hickory Grove Road and Cuzco Road South.
Portersville Bridge	Applications for erosion control still pending, along with scour hole repair application.
Holland KY Street Project	County will request \$1,680,000 funding from INDOT, with application being due on May 21, as Group IV project.

Dubois Cuzco Road  
Road Paving

Ditch has been cleaned and appears to be helping drainage. The Commissioners discussed proposed paving projects, the projected cost of paving materials and the INDOT funds, which will be available for the summer of 2009. The costs of various proposed projects were reviewed. The use of Edit funds on certain projects were considered.

Veolia Compactor Contract  
Escalation Clauses

Renewal of contract still being negotiated. Both J.H. Rudolph and Tri-County paving have advised the County of price decreases for certain road materials contained on County's annual material bid.

Northview Estates Road

Calls have been received on new road in Northview Estates in Madison Township, but agreement is not to improve road until after five homes are constructed.

**RE: STEEL BIDS – CR 600 W BRIDGE**

The Highway Supervisor reported that the following quotes have been received for beams required for CR 600 W Bridge replacement project:

Westfield Steel	\$9,459
O'Neal Steel	\$10,407
Modern Welding	\$12,254

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the quote from Westfield Steel.

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD**

Mike Fritch, County Prosecutor, appeared as new President of the Community Corrections Board, to advise that two replacements are required on the Community Corrections Board, and the Board officers would recommend the appointment of Jennifer Lampert and Nathan Verkamp as new Board members, being County appointments. On motion duly made and seconded, the two individuals recommended were appointed to the Board.

**RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION INVOICE**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized payment of claim from DLZ for services to close out Bridge Inspection report, in the amount of \$1,336.

**RE: HIGHWAY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Ann Messmer, Highway Clerk, appeared to advise that the Department will fall short of funds in several accounts due to State budget cuts. The shortfalls are as follows:

Solid Waste – Highway Reimbursement	\$16,000
Highway – Bituminous	\$400,000
Stone	\$70,000
Geotextiles	\$5,000
Worker's Comp	\$10,000
Local Road & Street – Bituminous	\$207,000

On motion made and seconded, the proposed appropriations were approved, subject to approval of the County Council.

**RE: LITTLE SANDY COAL COMPANY – CASS TOWNSHIP**

The Highway Supervisor submitted a negotiated Agreement of Road Usage with Little Sandy Coal Company for Temporary use of CR 860 W, 675 S, 825 W, 700 S, 800 W, and Old SR 64, in Cass Township. The Agreement provides for use of roads for not more that 50 test loads and equipment transport to conduct a test mine. If the mine becomes operational, a more direct route will be negotiated. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved.

**RE: TRANSFER OF FORMER US #231 AT HAYSVILLE BRIDGE**

The Highway Supervisor submitted a Memorandum of Agreement for transfer of former US #231 at old Haysville Bridge from State to County. On motion duly made and seconded, the Agreement was approved.

**RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved an Annual Operational Report for Local Roads & Streets for calendar year 2008, as previously distributed to the Commissioners.

**RE: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Judi Brown, Brenda Sermersheim, & Glenn Menke, representing the County Soil & Water Conservation District, appeared to present a financial report of District operations during 2008, showing County investment of \$71,520 and other local, state, and federal funding of \$231,449. Conservation Practices distributions to County landowners were \$607,597 and landowner contributions were \$396,700. Those present requested that the current District staff be retained during the next year in order to continue the effective operation and service of the office.

**RE: LADYBUG OUTDOOR ADVERTISING**

The County Auditor submitted a request from Ladybug Outdoor Advertising of Bloomington for permission to install billboards on the north side of SR #56 in Hillham, on the west side of US #231 in Haysville, and on US #231 north of Dale. The Commissioners took the request under advisement to allow the locations to be reviewed.

**RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - WEB GIS GRANT FUNDS**

Mary Miller, County Emergency Management Director, appeared to advise the Commissioners that after purchases made under the Web GIS grant program, \$9894 of funding remains unspent. She submitted a list of proposed uses for the funds purchasing thirteen GPS items for various County fire departments, at a cost of \$9846.85. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the purchases as submitted.

**RE: DUBOIS LIBRARY**

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, appeared to advise the Commissioners of the proposed library building in the Dubois area. He presented plans as prepared by Universal of Ferdinand, and described the building and the furnishings for the building. Several representatives of the contractual Library Board appeared to explain the project. Held advised the Commissioners that the estimated cost of the building is \$971,000, and that the real estate is being donated by the Terwiske family. The Library Board intends to apply for a \$500,000 State grant and the Library District will furnish the balance of required funds. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Resolution authorizing acceptance of the initial feasibility study.

**RE: DUBOIS STORMWATER PROJECT**

Nathan Held, representing Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, also submitted a proposed service agreement between the County and VS Engineering, for preparation of an infrastructure improvement report for the Stormwater Plan for the Town of Dubois, at a cost of \$30,000, to be paid using grant funds. The Commissioners expressed their desire that the study of the program continue and that application for funding be filed.

**RE: COURTHOUSE**

Custodian Loveall appeared to advise that the current code requires an internal pipe test, which was not covered under the current maintenance contract. The Commissioners directed the Custodian to obtain several quotes for the test.

Loveall also advised that a suggestion has been made that a birdcall system be installed on the test basis on the south porch. Netting is being installed on the east porch. This will allow a comparison of the systems. The call system cost will be \$220.00. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized installation of the birdcall system on a test basis.

**RE: TOURISM SIGNS**

Jeff Huls, representing the County Tourism Commission, appeared to discuss placement of a tourism sign along SR 162 at the County Highway Garage. He submitted a proposal for a three-year lease having four, three-year extensions. Based upon the uncertain future of the County Garage location, due to relocated U.S. 231, the Commissioners authorized a five-year lease without extensions, and authorized the attorney to review a revised lease.

Subject to the attorney's approval of the revision, on motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized a lease for the grass area adjacent to SR #162 at the Highway Garage.

**RE: COURTHOUSE PHONE SYSTEM**

Deputy Auditor Sandy Morton appeared to discuss revisions to the Courthouse telephone system to allow for equipment and operation improvements, which result in annual savings of \$6718.44 and improve the telephone system's operation. The cost of the improvements will be \$2583, including the addition of three phone providing caller I.D. and with all phones having voicemail. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized a contract with Matrix Integration for installation of the system.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

As previously established, the Commissioners continued meeting for May will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The June regular meeting will be held on June 8, 2009, with the continued meeting to be held June 22, 2009. All meetings will begin at 9:00 am and be held in the Courthouse Annex.